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### TRAVERSE, ELECTION, RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Mr. Sember,

This paper is filed in response to the OFFICE ACTION mailed 05/19/2005, having therein a RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT.

The applicant hereby traverses and elects in accordance with the restriction requirement.

In addition, the applicant hereby **amends** the claims in order to eliminate two minor informalities noted therein: an extraneous reference to "teaching" in claim 15 and an extraneous reference to

"the grave" in claim 3.

#### **ELECTION**

The applicant elects the species of Figure 4. (As noted in the originally filed application at page 8, lines 18 through 20, and also at lines 20, 21, this includes the embodiment of Figures 1 and 2 as a portion of the overall apparatus of Figure 4.)

#### **RESPONSE and TRAVERSE**

## 1. RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT (Paragraphs 1, 2 of the FIRST OFFICE ACTION)

The examiner has entered a restriction requirement, and the applicant has herein elected the species of Figure 4.

The applicant makes this election but very respectfully does <u>not</u> concede that the different embodiments warrant the election requirement.

The applicant notes that independent claims 1 and 2 both refer to the free standing "shepherd's crook" embodiment, as well as dependent claims 3 through 16 which depend from claim 2.

The applicant reserves the right to pursue other species, specifically the embodiments of Figure 3 or Figures 1 and 2, in later proceedings in the present case or a later filed daughter application.

### **CONCLUSION**

For all the foregoing reasons, applicant respectfully urges that the claims 1 through 16 of the application are now in condition for immediate allowance, and such action is requested. The examiner is respectfully urged to contact applicant's attorney with any questions or comments at Craig W. Barber, at 303-278-9973 or 303-279-6106, or by mail to: The Law Office of Craig W. Barber, PO Box 16220, Golden, Colorado, USA 80402-6004, with any questions or comments.

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